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SENATE RESOLUTION 203
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Bishop Samuel Leon Lowe for his 50 years of outstanding service to the people of Tennessee and the Church of God in Christ.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to recognize those venerable individuals who, through their great capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enhance the lives of the people in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Samuel Leon Lowe is one such estimable citizen who radiates God's love and evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, since accepting his calling in 1952, Bishop Lowe has enriched the lives of the people in his congregation and his community through his inspirational example, his commitment of spirit, and his unwavering faith in God; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2002, Bishop Samuel Leon Lowe celebrated the 50-year anniversary of his ministry; and

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WHEREAS, at the age of nineteen, Samuel Leon Rowe received ordination as a church elder and was immediately appointed as a pastor of the Benjestown Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Bishop Lowe also bravely served in the United States Army as a Corporal during the Korean War; stationed in Germany during part of his tenure in the U. S. Army, Bishop Lowe began the first Church of God in Christ in that nation; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to the United States, Bishop Lowe designed and built the Tipton, Tennessee Church of God in Christ in which he pastored for 38 years; and

WHEREAS, he later accepted a position as the District Superintendent of the Gospel Temple District, in which position he successfully pastored four churches and served as the Jurisdictional Assistant to presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Lowe currently pastors the Gethsemane Garden Institutional Church of God in Christ and serves as a Jurisdictional Bishop; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as Jurisdictional Bishop, he has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community; he has served the community through his work in numerous homeless and prison ministries, evangelism outreaches, tutoring and after-school care programs, counseling sessions, and through several benevolent organizations; and

WHEREAS, due to his outstanding commitment to his community, Bishop Lowe has garnered numerous honors and awards, including recognition by the Memphis City Council as they renamed a portion of Vollintine Avenue as Bishop Samuel Leon Lowe Avenue; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service to his congregation and his community, Bishop Lowe is serving his second term as the elected International Treasurer for the Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Lowe is fortunate to share love and companionship with his devoted wife, Mother Georgia Macklin Lowe, who is active in the local, district, jurisdictional, and international church; and

WHEREAS, he is also the proud father of three sons, Samuel, Michael, and Reuben, all of whom have decided to follow the path of ministry; and

WHEREAS, an unwavering commitment to the work of his Creator and Savior, the betterment of the lives of his congregation, and the welfare of all of humanity is a hallmark of the life and career of Bishop Lowe; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Bishop Lowe has proven to be an excellent steward of the physical and spiritual gifts bestowed upon him by God, as he utilizes these talents to meet the physical and spiritual needs of others; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Lowe's outstanding career as a minister and an active civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on God, his dedication to the time-honored values of hard work and common sense, and his uncommon ability to relate to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Samuel Leon Lowe is truly one of the great religious leaders and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and Nation, and he should be appropriately honored for his exemplary service to God, his fellow man, and to the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and recognize Bishop Samuel Leon Lowe for his 50 years of diligent service to the people of Tennessee and the Church of God in Christ, and wish him much success in the future endeavors of his ministry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.